

Proposed Adjustment to the FY 1999 – 2004 TIP

Requested by: The MBTA

Action: Delete the funding for a pedestrian connection between the rail station and the bus terminal at South Station and instead program the funds for the procurement of information kiosks at South Station. The funds are currently programmed in FY 1999 on page 2-10 of the TIP Amendment.

Funding: Section 5309 (FY 1998 Carry-Over)

Federal Funds:	\$1,669,274
State Funds:	417,319
Total Funds:	\$2,086,593

Explanation: The construction of a pedestrian connection at South Station will be undertaken as part of the planned private development at the site. As such, federal and state funding is no longer needed for the project.

The MBTA would like to use the funds to begin developing an intermodal ITS project. These funds will be used to purchase and install 3 – 4 information kiosks and associated computer equipment. The kiosks will provide easily accessible electronic information on MBTA and AMTRAK services. Ultimately, the system will be expanded to cover airline and highway information and the kiosks will be located at other terminals and stations throughout the MBTA system.

Special Note: This funding was specifically allocated by Congress for use at South Station.

A portion of these funds (≈\$500,000) will lapse if not awarded by September 30th.

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Action: Program funds for the purchase of bicycle racks to be installed at various MBTA stations.

Funding: Section 23/Interstate Transfer

Federal Funds:	\$3,867
State Funds:	682
Total Funds:	\$4,549

Explanation: The FTA recently informed the MBTA that these funds remain unawarded in the Interstate Transfer account. The MBTA would like to program these funds to purchase approximately 10 bicycle racks for installation throughout the MBTA system.

Special Note: These funds are left over from ISTEA; this program was eliminated by Congress in FY 1997. The funds will lapse if not awarded by September 30th.

These funds are provided on an 85/15 matching basis.

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Action: Program funds for accessibility improvements at Haymarket Station on the Green Line.

Funding: Section 5307 (FY 2000 Funds)

Federal Funds:	\$880,000
State Funds:	220,000
Total Funds:	\$1,100,000

Explanation: The MBTA has an opportunity to accelerate the schedule for ADA improvements at Haymarket Station on the Green Line. An MBTA contractor is finishing up improvements to the Orange Line Station and could begin work on the Green Line Station within the next month.

Special Note: In order to proceed with this ADA improvement, FTA requires this project to be specifically identified in the FY 1999 Transportation Improvement Program.

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Requested by: The MBTA

Action: Program funds for the relocation of Airport Station on the Blue Line.

Funding: Section 5307 (FY 2000 & FY 2001)

FY 2000		FY 2001	
Federal Funds:	\$12,000,000	Federal Funds:	\$12,000,000
State Funds:	3,000,000	State Funds:	3,000,000
Total Funds:	\$15,000,000	Total Funds:	\$15,000,000

Explanation: As part of the Central Artery highway reconstruction in East Boston, the MBTA's Blue line Airport Station will be relocated. Under this project, a new station will be built approximately 500 feet to the east of the existing station. The new station is a result of an interagency coordination process including the MBTA, the Central Artery Project team, and Massport. The site will accommodate Massport's existing bus service and the proposed Airport Intermodal Transit Connector (AITC) to Logan Airport, using roadways designed and constructed as part of the Central Artery Project.

Special Note: The total value of this joint agency project is \$200 million. The MBTA's station component is estimated at \$30 million. This contract is scheduled to be advertised in late August or early September. In order to utilize federal transit funds for the MBTA component, FTA has indicated that the project must be specifically identified in the FY 1999 Transportation Improvement Program.